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**In re the Application of:**

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**Appln. No.:** 10/729,069

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**For:** ALPHA-COMPLEMENTATION VIRAL  
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**Examiner:** Louise Humphrey

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to a final Office action dated September 12, 2006, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on December 12, 2006. This submission is timely filed on Monday, November 13, 2006, before expiration of the shortened statutory time for response, and within two-months of the Office action as November 12, 2006 fell on a Sunday. Accordingly, no fee is due and Applicant respectfully requests prompt review of this submission. The Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-14 and 21-32 in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following Amendments and Remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.